Town of Westford Municipal Aggregation Public Comment Period

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION JUNE 9 - JUNE 23

On March 28, 2015, at the Annual Town Meeting, the residents of Westford voted to grant the Board of Selectmen authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to optout of the aggregation.

Municipal aggregation is authorized by MGL Chapter 164, Section 134(a). The objective of aggregating the electric load of residents and businesses is to form a buying group with the buying power to provide the residents and businesses in Westford with longer term stable and lower electric rates, and offer more renewable energy options.

The aggregation documents must go through a very comprehensive process of Department of Energy Resources (DOER) review and consultation and Department of Public Utilities (DPU) approval before implementation of the aggregation program.

One of the next steps in this process is to provide an opportunity for review and comment by residents. The DPU requires that the aggregation documents be available for a two (2) week period for review and comment. The aggregation documents are available for review online at www.westfordma.gov/bos or hard copies are available in the Westford Town Hall, the J.V. Fletcher Library, and the Westford Center Fire Station.

A public comment period begins on June 9, 2015 and will close on June 23, 2015, during which time residents can review the aggregation documents and submit written comments to the Board of Selectmen or make oral comments at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on June 23, 2015.